

Morehouse School of Medicine

Organization Description

The Morehouse School of Medicine (MSM) is a historically-black institution established in 1975 to address the growing shortage of African-American and other minority physicians in the United States, and the critical unmet health care needs in rural and inner city areas. The MSM recruits and trains minority and other students as physicians, biomedical scientists, and public health practitioners who are committed to the primary health-care needs of the underserved.

Project Description

The Morehouse School of Medicine Technical Assistance Support Center (MSM-TASC) will design training events and technical assistance protocols that will build organizational capacity to address risk factors that influence gang involvement and other at-risk behaviors among youth in the target communities.

Geographic Scope of Project

The Atlanta metropolitan area (Clayton, DeKalb, Douglas, and Fulton Counties) and Bibb, Brooks, Crisp, Dougherty, Muscogee, Stewart, Sumter, and Thomas Counties in southwest Georgia.

Partnering Organizations

- Georgia Department of Human Resources
- Metro Atlanta (Region Three) Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Addictive Diseases (MHDDAD) Regional Office

- Southwest Georgia (Region Four) MHDDAD Regional Office

Sub-Awards

Sub-awards in the amount of \$250,000 will be made to 20-40 faith-based and community organizations (FBCOs) for capacity building. Individual awards will start at \$2,500. Priority will be given to programs that address risk factors and negative social indicators that contribute to delinquency and gang involvement of at-risk youth in the target communities.

Priority Areas

At-risk youth.

Project Objectives

- Leadership Development:** Provide training and technical assistance in leadership development to 600 leaders of FBCOs in Metro Atlanta and Southwest Georgia MHDDAD Regions.
- Organizational Development:** Assist at least 52 FBCOs to develop and sustain a planning process to address risk factors that contribute to gang involvement and other at-risk behaviors of youth through training and technical assistance.
- Programs/Services and Funding:** Provide seed funding to 25-40 qualified FBCOs to develop plans to provide effective prevention services addressing gang involvement and other at-risk behavior of youth.
- Community Engagement:** At least 52 FBCOs will collaborate

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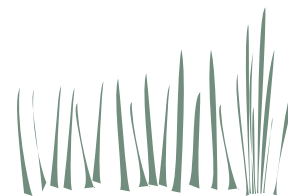
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with community stakeholders and residents to develop an action plan which will form strategies to prevent gang involvement and other at-risk behavior among youth.

Project Strategies

Participating organizations will enhance their knowledge and capacity to not only provide prevention services, using best practices and promising approaches, but also develop skills to secure funding to maintain quality services and programs that will decrease risky behavior and improve the life outcomes for youth and families in their service area.



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Project Outcomes

FBCOs will:

- Enhance organizational leadership and infrastructure to implement effective prevention programs.
- Work collaboratively with local agencies and organizations to provide and maintain prevention services and programs to address gang involvement and other at-risk behavior of youth.
- Increase ability to implement and monitor effective prevention programs.
- Increase ability to compete for government and non-government funding to support prevention activities.
- Better serve the needs of youth and communities through collaboration and community ownership of the solutions to address identified problems and needs.

Grant Award Amount

\$547,397